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AND MPOA SERVER FOR THE SAME
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicant does not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.



TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date of the application.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Documents A4 and A5 relate to an address resolving device.

Document A6 relates to a packet filtering system

Document A7 relates to a router device and set method for a transmission route.

Document A8 relates to an inter-network connecting device.

Document A1 is a counterpart to document A4. Document A2 is a counterpart to document A5 and document A3 is a counterpart to document A6.

English translations of the foreign-language documents are not readily available. However, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). English language abstracts are provided herewith.

Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

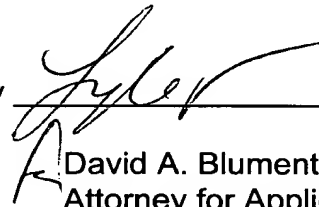
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS								
EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
	A1	5,909,446	06/01/1999	Horikawa et al.	370	469		
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
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							YES	NO
	A4	2845207	03/06/1998	Japan				Abst.
	A5	2845208	10/30/1998	Japan				Abst.
	A6	3000968	11/12/1999	Japan				Abst.
	A7	11-289345	10/19/1999	Japan				Abst.
	A8	11-215156	08/06/1999	Japan				Abst.
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